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U.S. (HEW/MOH/PROJECT HOPE)

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1. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER BADRAN (REF B), DR. BENNETT SPECIFICALLY COVERED ALL POINTS NOTED PARA 1 REF A. DETAILED WRITTEN CHRONOLOGY NOTING TIME AND NATURE OF EACH STEP AND ACTION RELATING TO PROCESSING OF ALL EGYPTIAN TRAINING FELLOWSHIP NOMINEES WAS GIVEN TO BADRAN, WHO IS NOW FULLY AWARE OF DEFICIENCIES ON EGYPTIAN SIDE. WE WILL APPROPRIATELY EMPHASIZE POINTS MADE PARA 3 REF A WITH MOH AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. MOH VIEWS ON RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OPERATION OF FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM REFLECTED IN GOE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT AGREEMENT SUGGESTED BY DR. WALSH OF PROJECT HOPE (REF D). BADRAN SAYS HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROGRAM OPERATING RESPONSIBILITIES RESTING IN PROJECT HOPE. QUESTIONS, FROM MOH COMMENTS, SEEM TO CONCERN EXTENT OF AUTHORITY AND DEGREE TO WHICH HOPE IS RESPONSIBLE TO HEW IN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. MINISTER FEELS
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THAT MOH SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO HEW ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS ON PROGRAM PROBLEMS.

3. COMMENT. AS NOTED REF B, MOH HAS MADE AN ISSUE OUT OF PROCESSING DRS. RAMZY ET AL; PARTLY IT SEEMS BECAUSE OF A SPURIOUS COMMENT PURPORTEDLY MADE TO DR. RAMZY, BY AN EGYPTIAN MEMBER OF HOPE'S CAIRO STAFF TO EFFECT THAT HIS TRAINING PROGRAM,

ALREADY ARRANGED, WAS BEING HELD UP PENDING FINAL DEFINITION OF NEW PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN HEW AND HOPE. RAMZY, WHO HAD ALREADY MADE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO GO TO U.S., COMPLAINED TO MINISTER. WITH PROCESSING OF RAMZY ON NON-CLINICAL PROGRAM BASIS BY USAID, THIS IRRITANT, HOPEFULLY, WILL DISAPPEAR.

4. MOH SEEMS TO BE AWARE OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOPE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM AND USG-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES; HOWEVER, DESIRE OF MINISTER BADRAN TO EFFECT CLOSER COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN HEALTH ACTIVITIES CENTERED IN VARIOUS SECTORS AND/OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND MOH MAY BE FACTOR IN POSITION TAKEN (REF C, PARA 5). WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER BADRAN HAS DISCUSSED HIS VIEWS WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION. END COMMENT.
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